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(b) what are the reasons for so doing and the number of years' service they had put in?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not the information required.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to the answer given in clauses (a) and (b), it was brought to my notice that in several districts where the vettians and talaiyaris who were very loyal to the Government and who put in service for a very long time were dismissed. I therefore wish to know whether at least, on hearing this representation, the Government will be pleased to call for the information. I have no objection to give particular instances."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" If the hon. Member gives me the names of the districts where the vettians and talaiyaris were dismissed, I shall be glad to get the information for him. I suppose he wishes the information for the current year. He says 'since 1924', which means for the current year."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Yes : Salem, Coimbatore and Madura districts."

Arms and Explosives.

Guns in Gudem taluk.

* 337 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that all the guns in the Gudem taluk of the Vizagapatam Agency were taken away by the Government ;

(b) what is the object aimed at in so doing ;

(c) what is the authority under which the guns were taken away and the number of guns taken away ; and

(d) what are the principles on which the Government grant permission to the hill people to possess guns ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) The hon. Member is referred to item (1) in Schedule IV of the Indian Arms Rules, 1924, by virtue of which the Agency tracts in this Presidency have been withdrawn from the prohibitions and directions contained in the Indian Arms Act, except those contained in sections 12 and 25, in respect of all arms other than cannon and breech-loading arms.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" With reference to the answer given to clauses (a), (b) and (c), will the Government be pleased to call for the information as to whether the guns were taken away from the hill men?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I regret I was not aware that this question was appearing in the agenda paper to-day. I shall be glad to call for the information."